



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Sam Reynolds
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request DOC-OS-2019-000839

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This letter is in response to your correspondence to the U.S. Department of Commerce's (Department) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office. We are responding under the FOIA to your request for:

“-Briefing notes, emails, or any other documents regarding AMD's Joint Ventures in China (Tianjin Haiguang Advanced Technology Investment Co. Ltd, Haiguang Microelectronics Co. Ltd, Chengdu Haiguang Integrated Circuit Design Co., Ltd (Hygon), China Academy of Sciences

-Briefing notes, emails, or any other documents regarding AMD licensing its server CPU called EPYC to Chengdu Haiguang IC Design Co to create the Hygon Dhyana server CPU

-Briefing notes, emails, or any other documents related to concerns US Govt officials might have had about AMD breaching US export restrictions to China regarding AMD products being used to support China's nuclear weapons research (or any other prohibited activity)

-Secretary briefing notes about US-China trade war and national security implications regarding AMD's Joint Ventures in China and participation via its local partners in China's supercomputing programs”

We are writing to ask that you clarify your request. As you may be aware, the Department is a large and diverse agency comprised of 14 bureaus and operating units and over 49,000 employees. A Department-wide search would require us to search files and the email accounts of all of our employees. Additionally, many files are not maintained electronically and/or in central servers; therefore, in order to fully comply with your request, we would need to conduct a desk-by-desk search of over 49,000 Department employees. Such a search is simply unreasonable, impractical, and not possible within a reasonable timeframe.

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We are more than happy to assist you with all parts of your request. However, as indicated above, limiting the scope of your request is needed in order to begin our search for records that may be responsive to your request. I would suggest that you review the following link -- <https://www.commerce.gov/bureaus-and-offices> -- which identifies Department bureaus and offices. If you could (i) identify those bureaus and /or offices you think it likely to have generated, reviewed and/or be subject to such materials, and (ii) provide a date range for the records you are seeking, the time and cost of conducting the search might be significantly reduced. If necessary, for assistance, please feel free to contact me, Steven Gitelman, by email at sgitelman1@doc.gov. You may also call me at (202) 482-8294, or write to me at the address provided in the paragraph below.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Bobbie Parsons, by telephone at (202) 482-3257 or by email at efoia@doc.gov, or our office in writing at:

Department of Commerce
Office of Privacy & Open Government
RM 61013
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230
Attn: FOIA Public Liaison

If clarification of your request or other communication is not received within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, your FOIA request will be closed with no further action on our part.

Sincerely,

Steven Gitelman

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